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SUBJECT: THAI AMBASSADOR'S VIEWS ON REFUGEE PROBLEM

1. DURING MY INITIAL CALL ON THE THAI AMBASSADOR, JETN SUCHARITKUL, I ASKED FOR HIS VIEWS ON THE INDOCHINESE REFUGEE SITUATION IN THAILAND. HE EXPRESSED SERIOUS CONCERN ABOUT THE GROWING DIMENSIONS OF THE PROBLEM AND SUGGESTED THAT BORDER INTRUSIONS FROM CAMBODIA AND LAOS ARE DUE IN LARGE PART TO THE PRESENCE OF REFUGEE CENTERS LOCATED ALONG THE BORDERS.

2. JETN THEN WENT INTO THE POLITICS OF THE REFUGEE PROBLEM AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE NEXT YEAR'S THAI ELECTIONS. HE MADE THE RATHER REMARKABLE SUGGESTION THAT ANYTHING POSITIVE THE U.S. GOVERNMENT COULD DO TO ALLEVIATE THE REFUGEE BURDEN WOULD BE OF GREAT HELP TO PRIME MINISTER KRIANGSAK'S ELECTION CAMPAIGN, PARTICULARLY IF THE CREDIT FOR OUR ACTIONS COULD SOMEHOW BE GIVEN TO KRIANGSAK.
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